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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 21, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 10334.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10334) granting a pension to Wiatt Parish, late a soldier in the Black Hawk war, have examined the same and report:

That from the facts stated in the House report, which is hereto attached and approved, we believe this to be a meritorious measure and do recommend its passage.

[House Report No. 2519, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10334) granting a pension to Wiatt Parish, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant served from June 17, 1832, to August 16, 1832, in Captain Bowman's company of Illinois Volunteers in the Black Hawk war.

In a declaration for pension filed at the Pension Bureau October 9, 1874, he declares that while in said service and line of duty he contracted measles, which resulted in pain in the back, knees, lungs, and eyes. He also declares that he contracted a hydrocele of the right side from riding while in said service.

That the claimant contracted measles while serving in Captain Bowman's company is established by the testimony of several of his comrades. It is also shown that he has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism, disease of the testicles, and an affection of the throat, but the claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau on the ground that the testimony failed to establish the allegation that said disabilities were contracted in the service as the result of measles and horseback riding.

The claimant is now about seventy-six years old, badly disabled, and very poor. He is obliged to depend upon relatives for support.

In view of the facts stated your committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment: Strike out the word "thirty," in line 7, and substitute in lieu thereof the word "twenty."